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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hitoshi HATTORI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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**CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

**References AO through AY on Form 1449 are discussed in the specification.**

**References AA through AY on Form 1449:**

These references fail to teach or suggest an information processing apparatus which has a structure for enabling each of information recording media stacked on a tablet to be positively identified, so that information indicating the information recording media on which additional writing is made is related or linked with respect to information before the additional writing, without requiring the user to be aware, under general circumstances where an operation or work requires the stacked information recording media to be used as if turning the pages, such as when holding a conference, performing a document checking and performing creative activities.